Hence in view of his superior qualification he was appointed for the sake of greater efficiency.

Supply of ledgers, day-books, etc., to Co-operative Societies.

291. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether ledgers,day-books, cash-books, etc., maintained by Co-operative Societies were used to be supplied to the societies from the Central Bank through the Registrar; and if so,

(b) when was this done;

(c) whether this is continued even now; and if not,

(d) when was it discontinued; and

(e) why was it discontinued?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Books and forms are being supplied to newly started Societies on the recommendation of the Registrar and such supplies are given either through the Departmental Inspectors or to the promoters of Societies according to the Registrar's instructions.

(b) From 1095.

(c) The rules of the Bank allow such a procedure even now; but such supplies are very rare.

(d) and (e) No answer is necessary in view of answer to part (c).

Collection of Land Revenue by Coercive Steps.

292. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of land revenue collected by taking coercive steps for the last three years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—

Year.			*Amount.*
1106	..	Rs.	89,306 6 8
1107	..	,,	98,435 0 1
1108	..	,,	1,24,014 3 5

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What will be the amount collected by coercive steps this year, 1109?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I regret I have not got the statistics.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are not the figures on the increase?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes, they show an increase.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—What does it show?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is very difficult to say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Is not the fall in prices one of the reasons?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It might be.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not show the inability to pay on the part of the ryots?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It may be inability to pay or it may be disinclination to pay.

Revenue from Chennamangalam for the last five years.

293. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the average income per year for the last five years from Chennamangalam under Land Revenue and Excise?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Land Revenue Rs. 7,914—8—5
Excise ,, 22,340—0—0

Verification of exchange rates charged on Governments.

294. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have at any time verified the rates of exchange charged with the rates prevailing; and if so, with whom?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The rates are checked now and then with the rates quoted in the newspapers.

Panchayat Election.

295. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) was not 23rd Makaram 1109 the date for nomination for the election of Panchayatdars in the said Panchayat (Aloor);

(b) if so, how many seats were contested and how many not contested;

(c) have the contested elections been held subsequently; if so, when;

(d) how many times were the contested elections adjourned; if adjourned, what were the reasons for the adjournment;

(e) has the Panchayat been holding any meetings after Kanni 1109;

(f) what were the dates for nomination for the election of Panchayatdars in the Pazhayannur, Eyyal, Chiranellur, Vallattanjur, Chowwannur and Aloor Panchayats;

(g) in how many of these were elections contested;

(h) how many adjournments of elections were made in each of the above Panchayats before the actual election was held, if held at all;

(i) are the Government aware that these contested elections involve a good lot of waste of time and energy of the persons concerned?

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